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EGYPT-SOVIETS

CAIRO (AP)-A SENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SAID TODAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS OFFERED TO SEND TROOPS TO HELP POLICE THE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE. BUT HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER EGYPT WILL ACCEPT

THEM WITHOUT AMERICANS AS WELL.

"THAT IS AN IFFY QUESTION AND I WILL NOT ANSWER IT," SAID ASHRAF GHORBAL, ADVISER TO PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, IN A MIDDAY NEWS

CONFERENCE.

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